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Mayor Berry and Councilor Jones Celebrate Grand Re-Opening of the Bear Canyon Senior Center

ALBUQUERQUE—Mayor Richard J. Berry and Councilor Trudy Jones, along with the Department of Senior Affairs will celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of the Bear Canyon Senior Center on Friday, January 10, 2014. The festivities are scheduled to take place from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Mayor Berry and Councilor Jones will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony. Entertainment will be provided throughout the day, along with a photo booth, genealogy demonstration, door prizes, and a renovation slideshow. Bear Canyon Senior Center is located at 4645 Pitt Street NE.

The renovation of the Bear Canyon Senior Center included an additional 1,526 square feet of space for a multipurpose room and two additional offices. In addition to the new space, the renovations included the following:

- a new roof
- a new heating and cooling system
- renovation of the restrooms to meet current ADA requirements
- the installation of a fire suppression system
- renovations to the entrance to include a designated drop-off and pick-up area
- expansion and reconfiguration of the ADA parking area closer to the entrance of the center
- updated and re-graded landscaping for better drainage
- refinished flooring in the social hall
- kitchen code compliance improvements
- repainting of the interior
- enhanced lighting in both the billiards and ceramics rooms
- new furniture and window treatments

E. Ailene O'Byrne of Greer Stafford/SJCF Architecture, Inc. was responsible for the renovation design and AnchorBuilt Inc. was responsible for the construction. The construction cost for the renovation of the Bear Canyon Senior Center was approximately \$1.8 million and was paid for by state grants and the City of Albuquerque's General Obligation Fund.

"The improvements at the Bear Canyon Senior Center have breathed new life into what was already a well-used and much loved facility. It is exciting to see it bustling with activity once again," stated Mayor Berry.

To learn more about activities at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, call (505) 767-5959.

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